

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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IRON -ORE MINES ON LEASE

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether iron ore mines have been given on lease to various companies in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of iron-ore mines on lease in the country at present, State-wise;
- (c) whether the production by these companies is being done as per the target;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the efforts being made by the Government in this regard;
- (g) whether the mining work is going on in less than about half of the said mines on lease;
- (h) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (i) the details of those companies which are not undertaking the mining work;
- (j) whether the Government is contemplating to cancel the lease of these companies and to put these companies in the black lists of the States; and
- (k) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. As per information available, the state-wise details of iron ore leases / mines, as on 31/03/2005 is as under:

State No. of leases / mines

Andhra Pradesh 25
Chattisgarh 15
Goa 187
Haryana 01
Jharkhand 25
Karnataka 72
Madhya Pradesh 8
Maharashtra 25
Orissa 102
Rajasthan 14
All India 474

(c)& (d) : Yes, Sir. Total iron ore production for the year 2004-05 is reported at 142711 thousand tonnes.

(e) & (f) : Does not arise.

(g) : No, Sir.

(h) : Does not arise.

(i) : 22 companies have not reported production for the year 2004-2005. Details are given below :

State Number of Companies

Andhra Pradesh 1
Goa 7
Karnataka 8
Madhya Pradesh 1
Maharashtra 2
Orissa 3

(j)&(k): The State Governments are empowered to declare such mining leases as lapsed where the holder of a mining lease fails to undertake mining operations for a period of two years after the date of execution of the lease or after having commenced mining operations has discontinued the same for a period of two years.